

To the Honorable the General assembly of
the state of North Carolina:

The Petition of Edward S. Pugh of
the County of Camden Humbly shewmeth
unto your Honorable body that same time
in the Month of November 1826 his wife
Lydia left his bed and board and
took up with another man, one, Tully Dwyer,
and has never since returned home — that
previous to her elopement she had been constantly
in the practice of cohabiting with other men,
particularly in the absence of your petitioner,
who followed the sea for a livelihood, and by
her extravagance and dissipation squandered
away every thing your petitioner could earn
by his labour and her ill humour, vicious
habits, and immoral conduct is such, as
to render it impossible for them ever to live
together again as man and wife — May it
therefore please your Honorable body to take
the case of your petitioner under your most
serious Consideration and separate the said
Lydia and your petitioner from the
bonds of Matrimony and do whatever else in
the premises you in your wisdom may deem
just and right and your petitioner as
in duty bound will pray &c

Edward S. Pugh